



PATENT

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING
DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS
MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR
PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON

November 30, 2007
Jed Weir 11-30-07
SIGNATURE DATE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Raymond Lillback
Serial No. : 10/525/543
Filing Date : February 24, 2005
For : CONTROL VALVE ASSEMBLY
Group Art Unit : 1723
Attorney Docket No. : 16-219P/US - 1513
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

1. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, and in compliance with CFR §1.56, the Office's attention is directed to the patents, pending applications, publications and other information listed on the attached PTO-1449. Copies of listed foreign patents and other listed publications are enclosed. No copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications are enclosed. Applicant(s) make no admission that the enclosed documents are prior art to the present invention.
2. Regarding each listed document that is not in the English language, an English-language translation accompanies

this Statement as indicated on the attached PTO-1449 or a corresponding U.S. Patent is enclosed or a concise explanation of the relevance of the document is set forth on an attached sheet, or a copy of an English-language search report is attached.

3. Pursuant to 37 CFR \$1.97(b) this Statement is being filed (one must be checked):

- (a) ☐ Within 3 months of the filing date or date of entry into the National Stage.
- (b) ☒ Before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.
- (c) ☐ After the period set forth in 37 CFR \$1.97(b) but before the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

1) ☐ A certification is given below,

2) ☐ Enclosed is a check covering the fee (\$180.00) set forth in \$1.17(p) for consideration of this Statement, or

3) ☐ Charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR \$1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

(d) ☐ After the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance, but before payment of the issue fee. The required certification and fee is indicated below.

1) ☐ Enclosed is a check covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR \$1.17(p) \$180, or

- 2) ☐ Charge the fee set forth in
37 CFR \$1.17(p) to Deposit
Account No. 20-0090.

4. Certification (if applicable):

- (a) ☐ The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this Statement.
- (b) ☐ The undersigned hereby certifies that no item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the undersigned's knowledge after making reasonable inquiry no item of information contained in the Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR \$1.56(c) more than 3 months prior to the filing of this Statement.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, fees underpaid, or credit any overpayment with regard to this Statement to Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

6. Concise Explanation (if needed):

- (1) ☐ Below is a Concise Statement of
Relevance of enclosed non-English language
document(s).

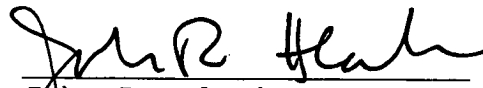
U.S. PATENTS

U.S. Patent 3,891,552	U.S. Patent 6,444,127 B1
U.S. Patent 4,298,025	U.S. Patent 5,256,283
U.S. Patent 5,022,994	U.S. Patent 6,214,214 B1

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

International Search Report PCT/US2003/027827

Respectfully submitted,



John R. Hlavka
Reg. No. 29,076

TAROLLI, SUNDHEIM, COVELL
& TUMMINO L.L.P.

Phone: (216) 621-2234

Fax: (216) 621-4072

Customer No.: 26294